

CLAIMS

1. A method of generating virus-free plants characterized in that a domy tissue formed by culturing the foliage leaf base of a plant that propagates via
5 scaly bulbs or bulbs is isolated and cultured.

2. The method according to claim 1 wherein an explant comprising the foliage leaf base from which the shoot apex and foliage leaves have been removed is cultured in the absence of plant hormones to form a domy
10 tissue.

3. The method according to claim 1 or 2 wherein said foliage leaf base is a section from the joint to a part 1-3 mm lower therefrom of a foliage leaf.

4. The method according to any one of claims 1 to
15 3 wherein the plant that propagates with scaly bulbs or bulbs is a plant of the genus *Allium*.

5. The method according to claim 4 wherein the *Allium* plant is *Allium sativum*.

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